

**BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554**

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

In the Matter of

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Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure
Compatibility with Enhanced E911 Emergency

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Calling Systems

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CC Docket No. 94-102

To: The Commission

**Quarterly Report of Thumb Cellular Limited Partnership
Regarding TTY Access to Digital Wireless Systems
and Request for a Brief Extension of the TTY Deadline**

Thumb Cellular Limited Partnership (Reporter) hereby submits its quarterly report regarding implementation of Text Telephone access (TTY) to digital wireless systems in compliance with the FCC's *Fourth Report and Order* in the captioned proceeding. 66 Fed. Reg. 35430 (July 5, 2001).

Reporter is licensed to provide cellular service in Michigan and Reporter utilizes Century Cellnet's nearby switching facility and is thus dependant upon Century Cellnet for TTY availability. It is Reporter's understanding that Century Cellnet's digital TTY implementation efforts are dependent upon Nortel's provision of suitable hardware/software solutions in order to implement digital TTY and that Reporter and Century Cellnet are also dependent upon the availability of compatible TTY handsets. In the last report we requested an extension of the TTY requirement until September 30, 2002. We have been advised by Century that TTY testing in each of Century's switches began in August 2002 and that "it will take a few months to get through all the switches." At the time Century provided the information, there was no set schedule for testing and rolling out the Lansing switch leased by Thumb Cellular. Because progress is being made toward implementation, however, because installation and testing of the required software is beyond Reporter's control. Reporter seeks a further brief extension of the June 2002 TTY deadline to December 30, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,
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